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RE: Application **BOOTS ET AL.**Serial No.: **09/657,757**Filed: **September 8, 2000**Group Art Unit **1644**

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Response to the Restriction Requirement of December 18, 2001***Supplemental Preliminary Amendment***

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In re application of:

BOOTS ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/657,757

Group Art Unit: 1644

Filed: September 8, 2000

Examiner: Nolan, P.

For: NOVEL PEPTIDES SUITABLE FOR USE IN ANTIGEN SPECIFIC IMMUNO-SUPPRESSIVE THERAPY

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 17, 2002

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF
DECEMBER 18, 2001 AND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully respond to the restriction requirement of December 18, 2001 as follows:

I. Remarks

Applicants elect Group I-XXV for prosecution, with traverse, pursuant to 35 USC § 121. Applicants have preliminarily amended Claim 15 to be identical in scope with the

allowed product claims of U.S. Pat. No. 6,184,204, as per the Examiners suggestions, and request that Group XXVI be examined along with Groups I-XXV. Such examination will not overly burden the Examiner and, the product of Claim 15 issued on a related patent to the instant application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement in light of the election and argument.

The amendments below, made prior to examination, are presented to conform the language of the claims to accepted U.S. patent practice without limiting the scope of the claims as first written. These amendments are not made for reasons of patentability under 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 or 112 and no estoppel is created by these amendments.